

Seattle Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2013 6:00-8:00 p.m.
City Hall – Boards and Commissions Room

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	Jessica Andrade, Isabel Bussarakum, Nika Dahlbacka, Alejandra Gonza, Marsha Mavunkel, Michael Mitchell, Andrea Negrete, Martin Penner, Chris Stearns, Jennifer Yogi
<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	Katherine Beckett, David Lujano, Catherine Moore, Greg Ramirez, Christina Ygonia
<u>Guest Speakers:</u>	(SPD) Assistant Chief Mike Sanford, Sgt. Christi Robbin, Bob Scales, (CPC) Diane Narasaki, Lisa Daugaard
<u>Guests:</u>	Ryan Thurston (IBM), UW Student Margaret, Wes Gonzalez
<u>Approval of Minutes:</u>	March, 2013 minutes were approved as read

SOCR Report – Michael Chin:

- King County is putting a regulation for food service and service animals by limiting ‘service animals’ to miniature horses and dogs.
- Job Assistance Legislation (JAL) – Employers do not think OCR should be in charge or enforcing JAL and would rather have another branch enforce it. The mayor has been neutral on the ordinance.
- Auditor: SOCR provided information – case closures, filings, appeals, roles of Commissions, etc. They reviewed SOCR’s information and have been conducting interviews with HUD and businesses.

Guest Speakers:

Seattle Police Dept.

- Sanford: SPD is working to create one system to streamline information of officer incidents to all departments (OPA, SPD, etc.) to analyze for officer performance.
- Scales: Current use of force reports are narrative based, meaning someone has to read and create data-base for reports. New technology will be able to scan and streamline information to make it more accessible.
- Predicted Policing: SPD is testing predicted policing by deploying more officers to high call areas (East and South precincts).

Community Police Commission Chairs

- Work Plan: Focusing on Biased policing, stops and detention, training and recruitment, communication with the public, surveying, accountability.

- Narasaki: Prioritizing by first focusing on stops and detention, biased policing, and community engagement.
- Lisa: Data analysis on biased policing would be very expensive, but the CPC is the only body charged with overseeing this. The CPC would have to pay consultants to analyze and categorize information and draw meaningful conclusions from it. The Council has hinted at funding, but nothing official.

Secure Communities

- SHRC wants the term 'Secure Communities' removed because detainer requests can come from the Secure Communities data-sharing system as well as other places. Taking 'Secure Communities' out could broaden its scope.
- Dow Constantine wants King County Council to put restrictions on detainer requests such as limitations around people to include only "violent crimes."
- SHRC wants the focus to be on human rights as opposed to "Secure Communities." SHRC has info only deportations through Secure Communities.

Annual Report

- SHRC testified in a public hearing in Olympia against the death penalty.

Other News

- SHRC wrote to the Seattle Seahawks about Chris Clemens anti-LGBT comments. They Seahawks responded condemning the remarks, but Clemens has not made a statement himself.
- 50th anniversary of SHRC in December. SHRC wants to set a goal of raising \$25,000. SHRC wants to create a platform with a message that the next 50 years will be bigger and better. SHRC also wants to make sure that this event does not overshadow or take away from Human Rights Day.

Upcoming

- Next Commission meeting: 5/2/13